"The South 40"

by JAMES A. SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

Dallis grass is a grass that many do not recognize, but it is an insiduous intruder into many lawns. The bad news is that it will literally take over a lawn, but the good news is that it can be controlled chemically with injury to the good or desirable grasses.

It's time to treat and requires two sprayings a week apart. Look for DSMA or Crabgrass Killer and read the label to be sure that it controls Dallis grass.

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The question, "Why does a white pine growing in a landscape suddenly turn yellow and die?" There can be a row of white pines and suddenly one or two will die. Why? That is the question we often get. It is referred to as white pine decline. The cause if probably a combination of several things.

The native habitat of this plant is the Appalachian Mountains. Even though some white pine is found native in Appomattox County, the sites are largely on the slopes facing the James River.

There are at least five conditions that should be followed if white pines are planted in the landscape:

1.**Soil disturbance**— this should be minimal. Planting in a bulldozed area, in all probability is a waste of time. Do not plant near installation of septic systems, sidewalks, or utility conduits.

2. **Spacing**— stress often occurs when trees are planted close together. The plant must be able to freely compete for nutrients and moisture.

3.**Mulching**— soil surface should be mulched and kept free of weeds, turf, and ornamentals.

4.**Nutrition and pest control**— the soil pH should be 4.0 to 6.0. A regular watering, feeding and pest control program should be maintained. Iron deficiency is often a problem.

5.**Contamination**—care should be exercised not to move soil from a tree that is showing decline to a healthy tree. This can be done by a lawnmower, or shoe treads. A possible soil fungus can be easily transmitted by this means.

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Stockpiling feseue is an important step in reducing labor requirements on beef farms. August is the month we do the job best.

The first step is site preparation, and by this I mean either graze, clip, and take as hay the excess grass. During this month apply approximately 70 pounds of actual nitrogen. It's a good time to have a soil test run and apply P.K. and lime if needed. Hope for a good rain and withhold cattle until about Dec. 1.

Cattlemen and their families will want to hear Dr. John Gerken, VPI Animal Scientist, discuss, "Fitting Stockpiling Pasture and Hay Into A Practical Cow Wintering Program" at the summer meeting of the Appomattox Cattlemen's Association, Saturday, August 18, at the Chris Larsgiader Farm near Pamplin.

Sgt. Charles Trent Participates in Global Shield '79

GREAT FALLS, Mont. - Technical Sergeant Charles C. Trent, son of Margaret Trent of Route 4, Appomattox, Va., recently participated in Global Shield 79, an Air Force exercise conducted by the Strategic Air Command.

Sergeant Trent is a weapons technician with a SAC unit at Malmstrom Air Force Base, here.

Global Shield 79, which involved bomber, tanker, missile and reconnaissance forces, and associated Air Force Reserve units, was the largest and most comprehensive test at SAC forces in more than 20 years.

Food Shopper

By Sharon T. Carter
Home Economist
Richmond, Va.

Just in case you may have forgotten, the United States still plans to convert to the Metric system during the 1980's. Why? What's wrong with our present system of measurement?

The United States is the only major industrial nation that has not converted to the metric system. Because our economy is so heavily based on importing and exporting goods with other nations, our present system of measure does not provide an efficient means of communication. The United States' adoption of the metric system would make foreign trade with all nations much more harmonious and uniform.

Under our present system which weighs more - a pound of gold or a pound of hamburger? Most people would reply that they weigh the same. But that's wrong. A pound of hamburger is determined by avoirdupois weight and measures 7,000 grains. A pound of gold is determined by troy weight and measures 5,760 grains. Thus, a pound of hamburger is heavier.

Which is heavier - an ounce of gold or an ounce of hamburger? Again many consumers would reply an ounce of hamburger. That's wrong too. A pound of gold consists of 12 ounces determined by troy weight. Therefore, an ounce of gold is equal to 480 grains. But there are 16 ounces in an avoirdupois pound, so 1 ounce of hamburger equals 437.5 grains.

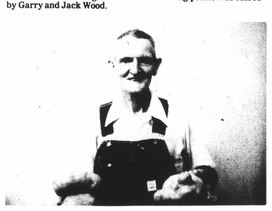
This is just one example of the complex unequal, dubious nature of our present day system of measurement. Not to mention the fact that one bushel of potatoes weighs 60 pounds in Massachusetts and only 56 pounds in North Carolina. Or that one bushel equals 48 pounds of barley, 32 pounds of oats or 56 pounds of rye.

With conversion to the metric system all of these discrepancies would be eliminated. Because the decimal system is the basis for metrics, one kilogram of potatoes would measure the same from Virginia to Australia.

What will converting to the metric system do to our present life style? Over the coming issues of Food Shopper we will take a look at the influence that metrics will have on the way we make our grocery lists, Food labeling and food preparation.

"Baseball Glove" Potato

David Wood, son of J. B. Wood, and Troy Wood, son of Jack Wood, left to right, are shown holding a potato that looks very much like a baseball glove. The Iadho baking potato was raised by Garry and Jack Wood.



Potato Crop Excellent

Mr. John Nash of Route 1, Concord came by Friday with three of his Kennebec potatoes, one looked very much like a turtle. Mr. Nash said he yielded 25 pounds of potatoes from only two hills, that seems to be an excellent crop of potatoes for anyone.

Conserve Electricity Today

Virginia Electric and Power Company is encouraging all customers to voluntarily reduce their use of electricity this afternoon and this evening, until 9 p.m.

The extremely hot weather has resulted in very high demand for electricity by Vepco customers.

Because of the near record electric demand, Vepco has reduced voltage to its customers by 5 percent. The voltage reduction will reduce electrical loands without seriously affecting service to any customer. Vepco has also reduced the use of power in its own operations, to further decrease electrical loads.

Although Vepco does not anticipate any actual shortage of electricity or power interruptions, Vepco has been forced to purchase very expensive energy from other utilities to meet the demand from customers. This purchased electricity is being generated with oil-fired equipment - the most expensive form of electric generation currently available. To reduce any drastic increase in customer's bills, Vepco encourages customers to eliminate all non-essential uses of electricity until 9 p.m. tonight.

Vepco is also curtailing service to water heaters of several hundred customers in Fredericksburg and South Boston under its load management program.

Area Residents Select Air Force Training

Two people from this area will soon be on their way to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas and the start of their careers in the United States Air Force.

According to Air Force Staff Sergeant Ernie Parker of the Lynchburg Recruiting Office, the young people, Larry William Dennis, son of Mrs. Margaret E. Dennis of Hurt, Va. and George Michael Powell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Reynolds of Spout Spring, Va. were selected for entry into the Air Force after meeting the high Air Force enlistment standards.

Other young people from the area who have already begun their Basic Military Training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas are Brian K. Mitchell son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Mitchell of Evington, Va.; Thomas A. Cook, son of Mrs. B arbara C. Cook of Lynchburg, Va.; Henry Darnell Rucker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rucker of Goode, Va.; Kevin Lee Monroe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abner J. Monroe of Altavista, Va.; and Reginald Lee Hamlett, son of Mr. Henry Hamlett of Appomattox, Va.

Young men and women interested in seeing if they qualify for an exciting Air Force career can see Sergeant Parker at his office ir Lynchburg or call him at 804/846-2485.

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Lions Plan Annual Ladies Night

The Annual Ladies Night for the Appomattox Lions Club will be a steak cookout on Saturday August 25th, at the Woodmen of the World building.

Activities will begin at 4 p.m. for those wishing to play softball, volleyball, horseshoes, etc. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

Each member is reminded to bring his lady, steak knives, forks, spoons, and a good appetite!

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Father Darkleaf

BY
CALVIN ROBINSON

There is a flurry of activity as schools prepare for a new session. Always exciting to face new teachers, a new group of dignified seniors, check on what your classmates did during summer, new books, new schedules and prepare for football and club projects. Another week and school buses will roll. Let's make it a great school year.

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Had an item on my notepad that it had been several months since had heard from Mr. and Mrs. J. Rufus Cawthorne, old friends now residing in Pompano, Florida. Then Monday morning there was a knock at the door and there stook Rufus. In town for a short visit. Mrs. Cawthorne (Rose) sent us a Baby Ben alarm clock, having read that we needed better time control. Florida citrus fruit has not come in yet, Rufus briefed us on gasoline supply and price down South and says he keeps very busy. The Cawthornes lived on Route 2, Appomattox prior to selling their home and moving to Florida.

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Down Memory Lane . . . One of our all-time "greats" was born one hundred years ago and was killed in a plane crash August 15, 1935. Will Rogers. Also Down Memory Lane, fifty years ago marked the first broadcast of one of the greatest entertainment acts, The Amos and Andy Show. Here in Appomattox, the late Senator S. L. Ferguson was a regular listener and admirer, but so was most everyone. Amos (Freeman F. Gosden) is now eighty years old and lives on the West Coast. He was a native of Richmond, Va. Andy (Charles J. Correll) died in 1972.

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Perils of gardening: Winds blow down the tall growers and water floods the shorties. I have lots of zinnias and am proud of a Magic Lily, a plant that shoots up from scratch in mid August and blooms for about a week. Ah yes, and a few garden catalogs are coming in, featuring bulbs for fall planting. A favorite selection will be lots of daffodils.

Still admiring the rows of marigolds as walkway borders at the old high school. Long lasting beauty.

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I had a friend who dated the first sneeze of the hay fever season each last Thursday in August. Just as his car crossed the railroad track headed for the county fair. At the moment I do not know of any hay fever victims.

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Considerable crepe myrtle in bloom around town. Brightens up the community. I have several. Given us by the late Claude Smiths.

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Quoted from a sports columnist, Frank Graham: "He didn't learn to say 'hello' until it was time to say 'goodbye.'" Too often we are in too big a hurry to count our blessings.

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Around Town. Saw several paint jobs in progress. And there is activity at the old drug store corner on Main Street as the Times-Virginian Printing Corp. moves in. The town garbage truck has a new paint job, white, and done by one of the crew. I stepped on a terrapin in my yard. We both ran, but I ran a ster. Alas, my fig tree has large leaves but fewer figs than expected. Labor Day is the next holiday. Confederate Blvd. has new blacktop. Out of pink ribbon so will wrap it up by saying Thanks for Reading and Seeya Next Week.

School Opening Set Aug. 27 In County

Appomattox County Public Schools will open on August 27 for the 1979-80 session.

Information on student fees, registration and opening day procedures is provided to assist parents and students in their plans for another school session.

Student Fees

All schools will be open on August 23 and 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at which time parents may come to the schools to pay fees. Fees approved by the Appomattox County School Board are as follows:

Appomattox County High School: Accident insurance, $5.00; S.C.A., $1.00; class fees, grades 9-11, $1.00; art, $1.50; band instrument rental, $10.00; band supply, $4.00; chemistry lab book, $5.00; clerical and stenography supplies, $7.00; distributive education, $7.50; drafting, $5.00; English workbook, grade 9, $3.25; gym suits, boys, top $2.50, bottom $2.50; girls, $7.50; locks, $2.75; home

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Arson Awareness Programs Planned By Crime Commission

Because of a tremendous increase in the number of arson cases, the Virginia State Crime Commission has planned a series of arson awareness programs.

The fourth such program will be conducted on Friday, September 7 at the Holiday Inn South in Lynchburg starting at 9 a.m. The public is invited.

Delegate A.L. Philpott, vice-chairman of the commission, will preside.

Philpott and other members of the Crime Commission recently expressed serious concern over the increases in arson nationwide. It increased at a rate of 325 per cent between 1965 and 1975, recent reports indicate. This increase is greater than the rate experienced for any other major crime, including rape, murder, aggravated assault, robbery, larceny and motor vehicle theft, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's crime indexes. Property losses from arson in the United States have been estimated at $1.4 billion in one year, an amount also greater than that for all FBI index crimes. Approximately 1,000 deaths and 10,000 injuries were caused by arson related fires in a single year.

In spite of the growing number of arson related fires, the conviction rate for this crime is very low. Less than one per cent of the arson fires in the United States end in convictions. Lewis W. Hurst, executive director of the Crime Commission, said a number of experts agree that this is due largely to a shortage of trained experts. Hurst is coordinating the arson awareness programs.

Speakers on the Lynchburg program include Robert Wetherington of Richmond, chief arson investigator for the Virginia Department of State Police; Wyatt O'Neal of Cary, North Carolina, resident agent for the Insurance Crime Prevention Institute and Samuel Cobb, former Norfolk Fire Department captain in charge of arson investigations and present assistant director of the Tidewater Police Academy. Lynchburg Fire Chief William Anderson and Commander Ray M. New, Jr. of the Lynchburg Fire Marshall's office will speak on the proposed Central Virginia Regional Arson Inves-

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Appomattox Lions Club Supports Local Scout Troop

Mr. Luis Garcia, representing the Appomattox Lions Club is shown presenting a check for $300.00 to Danny Garrett, Scoutmaster of Appomattox Troop 546, Boy Scouts of America. Looking on are Assistant Scoutmaster, Allen Harville and Scouts David Totty, Eduardo Garcia, Luis Garcia, and Mike Carmody.

The Lions Club sponsors Troop 546 and supports the troops program. This particular donation will be used to fund a week of camp being conducted at the Sweeney Prizery Primitive Camping Area the week of August 19th.

Town Plans Public Meeting For Tonight

The Town of Appomattox will hold a Public Information Meeting tonight, Thursday, at 7 p.m. in the Appomattox Town Office.

The meeting concerns the upcoming bond issue for $800,000.00 for the town's portion of the new waste water facility to serve the citizens of the Town of Appomattox.

All interested citizens are requested to attend this meeting.

If you have questions prior to the meeting, please contact W. R. Britton, Jr., Town Manager, phone 352-8268.

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"Cut-A-Thon" Set For Sat., Aug. 25

A "Cut-A-Thon", in conjunction with the Annual Jerry Lewis Telethon to raise funds for Muscular Dystrophy, will be sponsored by some area hair dressers on Saturday, August 25th, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The "Cut-A-Thon" will be held at Barbara's Shoppe on Main Street in Appomattox.

Six hairdressers will be available for hair cuts only, no appointment is necessary. The charge for each hair cut will be $8.00 - but feel free to make any sizeable donation as all proceeds will be going to the Jerry Lewis Annual Telethon and will assist in the fight against the dreaded disease, MD.

Lawson Ford Announces Registration For PP&K Contest

On Friday, August 17, registration began for the 1979 Punt, Pass & Kick Competition in the showroom at Lawson Ford, Inc. In making the announcement, Dick Bland, General Manager of the dealership, said, "We're looking forward to a big local PP&K competition in Appomattox this year. We hope all youngsters, 8 through 13 years of age, in this area will come in to register and take part."

Mr. Bland pointed out that PP&K - - throughout its six levels of competition - - is free of any charge, and that youngsters need only have a parent or guardian accompany them to the showroom to register.

Competition here will have 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies for contestants in each of the six age groups, or 18 trophies in all. This increases each entrant's chances of winning. Youngsters compete only against others in their own age group.

"Of course, there is no body contact in PP&K. It's punting, passing and place-kicking for distance and points, just as the name says. First place winners in each age group in our competition will go on to the Zone competition. And from there, top winners go on up the ladder through District, Area, Division and National Finals," Bland said.

This year the National Finals will be held at Super Bowl XIV on January 20, 1980 in Pasadena, California. We hope some of the Appomattox PP&K winners will make it all the way to the Super Bowl.

The Ford Dealer further explained that each entrant, upon registering, receives a free PP&K Tips Book. In the 1979 edition, there are competition tips by NFL stars Pat McInally, Roger Staubach, and Frank Corral. The Tips Book also includes complete PP&K rules and helpful conditioning exercises for contestants.

This is the 19th anniversary of PP&K. From its inception, the youth activity has been sponsored by the Ford Dealers of America in cooperation with the National Football League. In that time, millions of youngsters have taken part in PP&K, making it one of America's largest youth activities.

Stop by and register soon at Lawson Ford.

Rescue Squad Responds To 52 Calls In July

Volunteer members of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad responded to a total of 52 calls during the month of July 1979.

In answering these calls members traveled a total of 21,194 miles and spent 221½ man hours.

In response to four automobile accidents, eleven persons were treated at the scene. Twelve persons were monitored on the EKG machine en route to the hospital and eleven persons required oxygen.

A breakdown of the calls is as follows: convulsions, 1; strokes, 2; chest pains, 9; broken bones, 2; abdominal pains, 4; lawn mower accident, 1; breathing difficulty, 4; bee sting, 1; heat

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460 Bypass Discussed At Public Hearing Last Week

The bypass of Appomattox on U. S. 460 was discussed at a public hearing held Wednesday night, August 15, at the Appomattox Elementary School in Appomattox.

The hearing drew approximately 100 citizens but only a very few had any remarks to make concerning the project that will cost in excess of $13 million.

Legion Presents Flag to 4-H Center

Cliff Harvey, left, member of the American Legion Post 104 in Appomattox, is shown presenting a United States Flag to Don Jimison, Extension Agent, Director of Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center. The flag will be used by 4-H campers and other groups at the 4-H Educational Center.

Board Announces Policies For School Lunch Program

Appomattox County Public Schools today announced its policy for free and reduced price meals and free milk for children unable to pay the full price of meals and milk served under the National School Lunch and Special Milk Programs.

Family Size		Maximum Family Income For Free Meals and Free Milk	Reduced Price Meals
	1	$ 4,590	$4,591-$ 7,160
	2	6,040	6,041 - 9,420
	3	7,490	7,491 - 11,680
	4	8,940	8,941 - 13,940
	5	10,390	10,391 - 16,200
	6	11,840	11,841 - 18,470
	7	13,290	13,291 - 20,720
	8	14,740	14,741 - 22,990
	9	16,190	16,191 - 25,250
	10	17,640	17,641 - 27,510
	11	19,090	19,091 - 27,770
	12	20,540	20,541 - 32,030
Each additional family member		1,450	2,260

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals or free milk. In addition, families not meeting these criteria but with other unusual expenses due to unusually high medical expenses, shelter costs in excess of 30 percent of income, special educational expenses due to the mental or physical condition of a child, and disaster or casualty losses are urged to apply.

Application forms are being sent to all homes in a letter to parents. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

To discourage the possibility of misrepresentation, the application forms contain a statement above the space for signature certifying that all information furnished in the application is true and correct. An additional statement is added to warn that the application is being made in connection with the receipt of Federal funds, and that deliberate misrepresentation of information may subject the applicant to prosecution under applicable State and Criminal statutes.

In certain cases foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If a family has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for such meals and milk for them, it should contact the school.

Under the provisions of the policy each school principal will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If he wishes to make a formal appeal, he may make a request orally or in writing to Richard B. Carter, Director, Vocational Education, P. O. Box 548, Appomattox, Virginia 24522 for a hearing to appeal the decision. The policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure.

If a family member becomes unemployed or if family size changes, the family should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the family eligible for reduced price meals, or for additional benefits such as free meals and milk if the family income falls at or below the levels shown on the income scales.

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, or national origin.

Each school and the office of the Division Superintendent has a copy of the complete policy which may be reviewed by any interested party.

4-H Big Event Set For Sat.

APPOMATTOX - The 4-H Big Event at Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center will offer fellowship, fun and education for area residents Saturday, Aug. 25.

The program will start at 11 a.m. with Alden Aaroe, vice president and public services director for radio station WRVA in Richmond, as the featured speaker. The Rev. Jerry Falwell of the Thomas Roads Baptist Church in Lynchburg will deliver the invocation.

Robert R. Feagans, vice president of the 4-H center, will serve as master of ceremonies for the program which will recognize representatives from county and city governing bodies and also will include the president of the 4-H center, Mrs. W. Goode Robinson, the dean of Virginia Tech's Extension Division William R. Van Dresser, and director of 4-H Kenneth E. Dawson.

Charlie A. Elliott, 4-H program leader, said, "The Big Event will give residents of the East Central Extension District a chance to view plans for the

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Both the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors and the Appomattox Town Council had given their approval to the design back in 1971 and since that time have apparantly seen no reason to change their minds.

The potential lack of access for prime industrial land west of Appomattox to the planned bypass was the major concern voiced at the hearing.

Both Fred Lawson and Harry G. Lawson questioned District Highway Engineer D. H. Gaulden, Jr. on the planned limited access to the bypass's western portion, close to an interchange with Route 24.

Gaulden explained the limited access was designed in keeping with federal guidelines for arterial highways, and said the highway department will consider changes as a result of the comments at the hearing.

Fred Lawson said the land without access to the new roadway would be "prime industrial land west of the town, which is the only area Appomattox is growing in."

Only one person, Ray Noble, owner of the Travelers Inn Motel on the existing 460 in town, spoke against constructing the bypass. Citing reduced travel on 460 because of gasoline prices, Noble said he believed the bypass was not needed at this time.

A member of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad, Noble also said a traffic hazard would be created for ambulances leaving the crew hall near the intersection of the bypass and Route 631.

Town Council member Robert C. Hubbard said he would be delighted to hear when the bypass is started and when it will be finished and ready for use as he feels we really need it.

The first construction contract for the project is scheduled to be awarded in mid-1982. Between now and that time, 23 families and five businesses will have to be relocated to make way for the bypass, according to the highway representative.

Total cost of the project is now placed at $13,830,562.00 with 72.15 percent of the price being borne by the federal highway fund and 27.85 percent by the state's fund for rural arterial roads. By the year 2000, between 8,000 and 19,000 vehicles are expected to be using the Appomattox bypass.

The bypass is designed to start west of town near a planned interchange with Routes 26 and 24. It swings east and crosses 24 again in another interchange with on and off ramps, runs behind Meadowlark subdivision, crosses Route 631 and rejoins the existing 460 just east of where the present 460 four-lane roadway starts. It is 3.594 miles long.

Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival Tips

The Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival Parade will be held on Saturday, October 13, 1979. Anyone not receiving a form but wishing to participate should contact me before September 25, 1979. The dead-line will be enforced this year. Any entries received after September 25, 1979 will be placed at the end of the parade and will not be judged. Contact: Becky Lawson, Box 757, Appomattox, Va. 352-8354.

If there are any groups or organizations that would like to have a food concession at the Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival this year please contact Nelwyn Morris, Route 3, Appomattox, Va. 352-5293. The dead-line for signing up for a food concession will be September 25, but you will benefit from replying early since there will be a limit on some of the larger food items to be sold.